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BOARD OF FISHERIES SOUTHEAST AND YAKUTAT FINFISH**

SITKA, AK

PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

Subject to change

(This summary is informational only. The actions indicated below will have legal effects in regulations that provide the sole legal action of the board.)

Board Members Present

Tom Kluberton, Chair

Orville Huntington

Fritz Johnson

John Jensen, Vice-Chair

Sue Jeffrey

Reed Morisky

C=Carried, F=Failed, C/A=Carried as Amended, F/A=Failed as Amended, N/A=No Action, T-Tabled

Southeast and Yakutat Finfish Proposals (121)

SUBJECT (# Proposals)			Audio tracking info*
Action	Proposal	Description	
Herring (16)			
<i>Regionwide Management Plans (3 Proposals)</i>			
F (2-4)	114	Establish a management plan for herring spawning aggregates that have been below threshold.	Day 4, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 26, 2015- 3:52:02
N/A	115	Establish a management plan for herring spawning aggregates that have been below threshold. <i>Took no action based on action taken on Proposal 114.</i>	Day 4, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 26, 2015- 4:27:25
F (0-6)	116	Require a commercial herring fishery to occur when herring biomass is above minimum threshold.	Day 4, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 26, 2015- 4:28:07
<i>Sitka Sound (10 Proposals)</i>			
F (0-6)	117	Lower the amounts reasonably necessary for subsistence for Sitka Sound herring.	Day 4, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 26, 2015- 4:32:39
F (0-6)	118	Modify distribution of commercial harvest under the Sitka Sound herring management plan to provide additional subsistence harvest	Day 4, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 26, 2015- 4:45:12



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F (1-5)	119	Remove the area locally known as the "core area" from the closed waters of District 13 in Sitka Sound.	Day 4, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 26, 2015- 4:59:43
N/A	120	Remove the area locally known as the "core area" from the closed waters of District 13 in Sitka Sound. <i>Took no action based on action taken on Proposal 119.</i>	Day 4, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 26, 2015- 5:19:17
F (0-6)	121	Expand commercial herring fishery closed waters of District 13 in Sitka Sound.	Day 4, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 26, 2015- 5:19:48
F (1-5)	122	Lower the spawning biomass threshold for Sitka Sound sac roe herring fishery	Day 4, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 26, 2015- 5:24:49
F (0-6)	123	Assign equal quota shares in the Sitka Sound commercial sac roe herring fishery.	Day 4, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 26, 2015- 5:31:40
N/A	124	Allow purse seine permit holders to vote on equal quota shares in the Sitka Sound commercial sac roe herring fishery. <i>Board took no action based on having no statutory authority.</i>	Day 4, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 26, 2015- 5:39:30
F (0-6)	125	Reduce the harvest rate and establish a maximum guideline harvest level for the Sitka Sound commercial sac roe herring fishery.	Day 4, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 26, 2015- 5:41:19
T (5-0)	126	Establish a commercial open pound herring spawn on kelp fishery in Sitka Sound. <i>Jensen recused on ethics conflict determination. Tabled to Statewide Meeting in March 2016 with letter of support of proposal to Commercial Fishery Entry Commission (RC 142).</i>	Day 4, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 26, 2015- 5:47:20
Spawn on Kelp (3 Proposals)			
C/A (5-0)	127	Reduce kelp allocations in the commercial herring spawn on kelp fishery to no more than 1,000 blades per permit holder. <i>Jensen recused on ethics conflict determination. Substituted with language found in RC87.</i>	Day 5, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 27, 2015- 0:00:07
C/A (5-0)	128	Modify herring spawn on kelp pound configurations. <i>Jensen recused on ethics conflict determination. Substituted with language found in RC96.</i>	Day 5, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 27, 2015- 0:09:51
C/A (5-0)	129	Allow permit holders to retain herring in a closed pound for seven days. <i>Jensen recused on ethics conflict determination. Substituted with language found in RC104.</i>	Day 5, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 27, 2015- 0:16:40 and Day 6, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 28, 2015- 0:00:26
Groundfish (17 Proposals)			
Dogfish (1 Proposal)			
F (2-4)	130	Create a commercial fishery for spiny dogfish in Southeast Alaska using pot gear.	Day 5, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 27, 2015- 0:21:22
Sablefish (7 Proposals)			



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Action	Proposal	Description	
N/A	131	Allow pots in commercial sablefish fishery. <i>The board took no action based on not having adequate statutory authority.</i>	Day 5, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 27, 2015- 0:32:58
N/A	132	Add pot gear as a legal gear type for permits currently limited to longline gear for commercial sablefish harvest in Southern Southeast Inside Subdistrict fishery. <i>The board took no action based on not having adequate statutory authority.</i>	Day 5, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 27, 2015- 0:43:08
N/A	133	Add pot gear as a legal gear type for permits currently limited to longline gear for commercial sablefish harvest in Southern Southeast Inside Subdistrict fishery. <i>The board took no action based on not having adequate statutory authority.</i>	Day 5, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 27, 2015- 0: 43:08
N/A	134	Add pot gear as a legal gear type for commercial sablefish permits currently limited to longline gear in the Southern Southeast Inside Subdistrict fishery. <i>The board took no action based on not having adequate statutory authority.</i>	Day 5, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 27, 2015- 0: 43:08
C (6-0)	135	Update and clarify the areas where sablefish may be taken with longline gear in the Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area.	Day 5, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 27, 2015- 0:44:27
C/A (5-1)	136	Establish 50 fish harvest limit for personal use sablefish fishery. <i>Substituted with language found in RC91.</i>	Day 5, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 27, 2015- 0:46:38
N/A	137	Establish an annual limit and gear restriction in the personal use sablefish fishery. <i>The board took no action based on action taken on Proposal 136.</i>	Day 5, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 27, 2015- 0:59:04
Commercial Gear/Logbook (2 Proposals)			
C (6-0)	138	Require groundfish fishermen using dinglebar, mechanical jig, or hand troll gear to report the specific location of fishing operation by latitude and longitude in logbooks and clarify the reporting of amount of hooks fished to be consistent with that information requested in the logbook.	Day 5, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 27, 2015- 0:59:36
C/A (6-0)	139	Define mechanical jigging gear separate from dinglebar troll gear and establish limits on hooks to be used. <i>Substituted with language found in RC77.</i>	Day 5, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 27, 2015- 1:03:10
Lingcod (3 Proposals)			
F (0-6)	140	Increase minimum commercial lingcod size limit to 30 inches from tip of snout, or 22.75 inches from front of dorsal fin, to tip of tail.	Day 5, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 27, 2015- 1:08:49
C/A (6-0)	141	Allow commercial salmon fishermen using troll gear in Sitka Sound to retain up to two lingcod per trip for personal use. <i>Proposal amended to clarify that dorsal fins must be cut to indicate personal use fishery.</i>	Day 5, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 27, 2015- 1:12:08
C (6-0)	142	Repeal Sitka Sound Special Use area lingcod regulations.	Day 5, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 27, 2015- 1:21:02



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Sport Rockfish (3 Proposals)			
F (0-6)	143	Require all anglers releasing nonpelagic rockfish to release them at depth, and require at least one deep water release mechanism on board vessels used by sport anglers.	Day 5, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 27, 2015- 1:23:03
N/A	144	Repeal mandatory retention requirements for nonpelagic rockfish. <i>The board took no action based on a request by the proposer to withdraw the proposal in RC 74.</i>	Day 5, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 27, 2015- 1:35:46
C (6-0)	145	Repeal Sitka Sound Special Use Area and Ketchikan Area nonpelagic rockfish regulations.	Day 5, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 27, 2015- 1:36:26
Closed Area (1 Proposal)			
F (0-6)	113	Prohibit fishing, around Cache Island, for bottomfish, crab, and shrimp by all users. <i>Crab and shrimp components of this proposal was considered during the Southeast and Yakutat Crab, Shrimp, and Miscellaneous Shellfish meeting.</i>	Day 5, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 27, 2015- 1:38:37
Sport and Subsistence Salmon and Resident Species (27 Proposals)			
Subsistence ANS (2 Proposals)			
C/A (6-0)	146	Revise the amounts reasonable necessary for subsistence for salmon in Districts 12 and 14. <i>Substituted with language found in RC 76 amended to include the amounts reasonably necessary for subsistence found in RC3, Tab 4, Option B, 1,100 – 1,700 for District 12 and 600 – 1,500 for District 14.</i>	Day 4, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 26, 2015- 2:04:29
N/A	147	Reconsider amounts necessary for subsistence in the Angoon area. <i>Based on action taken under Proposal 146.</i>	Day 4, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 26, 2015- 3:25:44
Community Harvest (1 Proposal)			
F (0-6)	148	Allow for designation of community subsistence harvesters for Hoonah residents.	Day 5, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 27, 2015- 3:43:49
Subsistence Closed Waters (4 Proposals)			
N/A	149	Modify weekly subsistence salmon fishing schedule for Klawock Inlet, Klawock River, and Klawock Lake. <i>Board took no action based on a request by the proposer to withdraw the proposal in RC 82.</i>	Day 5, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 27, 2015- 4:10:33
N/A	150	Close certain portions of the Klawock River drainage to subsistence salmon fishing with seines and gillnets in July and August. <i>The board took no action based on action taken on Proposal 151.</i>	Day 5, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 27, 2015- 4:11:07 Day 5, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 27, 2015- 4:23:23
C (6-0)	151	Close Klawock River to subsistence salmon fishing upstream of the Klawock River Bridge.	Day 5, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 27, 2015- 4:13:50



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C/A (6-0)	152	Repeal the outboard motor horsepower restriction for Klawock River. <i>Substituted with language found in RC 89. The board reconsidered the proposal and confirmed its original action.</i>	Day 5, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 27, 2015- 4:23:55 Day 6, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 28, 2015- 1:04:07 Day 6, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 28, 2015- 5:06:04
<i>Subsistence Gear (2 Proposals)</i>			
F (0-6)	153	Allow subsistence harvest of salmon with purse seine and gillnet gear in portions of Districts 12 and 13 near Angoon.	Day 4, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 26, 2015- 3:26:50
C (6-0)	154	Move gear specifications for harvesting subsistence salmon in Shipley Bay from personal use regulations to subsistence regulations of the Alaska Administrative Code.	Day 5, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 27, 2015- 4:28:56
<i>Sport Regional (6 Proposals)</i>			
F (2-4)	155	Allow party fishing in Southeast Alaska saltwater fisheries.	Day 5, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 27, 2015- 4:31:57
F (0-6)	156	Allow the use of bow and arrow to take salmon in the Southeast Alaska Area by certified bow anglers.	Day 5, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 27, 2015- 4:52:55
F (2-4)	157	Reduce the king salmon size limit from 28 inches or greater in length to 26 inches or greater in length in the Southeast Alaska Area.	Day 5, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 27, 2015- 4:59:02
F (0-6)	158	Modify the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan by eliminating inseason reductions to the annual limit.	Day 5, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 27, 2015- 5:11:55
F/A (1-5)	159	Establish nonresident annual limits for coho, sockeye, chum, and pink salmon in salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.	Day 5, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 27, 2015- 5:16:52 Day 6, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 28, 2015- 0:07:57
F (2-4)	160	Establish nonresident annual limits for coho, sockeye, chum, and pink salmon in fresh waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.	Day 6, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 28, 2015- 0:12:56
<i>Sport Special Provisions (12 Proposals)</i>			
F (0-6)	161	Prohibit multiple hooks in all fresh waters in the Yakutat Management Area.	Day 6, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 28, 2015- 0:17:45
F (0-6)	162	Prohibit multiple hooks and barbed hooks in all fresh waters of the Yakutat Management Area.	Day 6, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 28, 2015- 0:23:52
C (6-0)	163	Reduce the Yakutat Village Lagoon coho salmon bag and possession limits to two fish greater than 16 inches in length.	Day 6, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 28, 2015- 0:28:40



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F/A (0-6)	164	Designate the Village Lagoon and the Village Lagoon drainage as a youth-only fishery. <i>Amended to lower the "youth-only" age to persons under the age of 16 per the board's statutory authority.</i>	Day 6, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 28, 2015- 0:32:00
F (0-6)	165	Allow the use of bait when sport fishing for salmon in the Kaliakh River.	Day 6, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 28, 2015- 0:39:43
F (0-6)	166	Establish an effective date of April 1 for the District 11 sport fishery for king salmon and rescind the closure in upper Taku Inlet.	Day 7, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 1, 2015- 0:16:31
C (6-0)	167	Open freshwaters along the Juneau road system to sport fishing for hatchery-produced king salmon.	Day 6, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 28, 2015- 0:45:48
N/A	168	Open freshwaters along the Juneau road system to sport fishing for hatchery-produced king salmon. <i>The board took no action on this proposal based on action taken on Proposal 168.</i>	Day 6, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 28, 2015- 0:49:24
C (6-0)	169	Repeal the Eagle River Beach area Dolly Varden sport fishery closure.	Day 6, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 28, 2015- 0:49:46
C/A (6-0)	170	Allow the use of bait from September 15 through October 15 when sport fishing in the Klawock River. <i>Amended to bait allowed only below department markers.</i>	Day 6, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 28, 2015- 0:53:03
N/A	171	Allow the use of bait after September 15 when sport fishing for coho salmon in the Klawock River. <i>The board took no action based on action taken on Proposal 170.</i>	Day 6, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 28, 2015- 1:00:42
C (6-0)	172	Repeal Ketchikan Creek harvest regulations applying to adipose fin-clipped steelhead.	Day 6, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 28, 2015- 1:01:07
Commercial Salmon (61 Proposals)			
<i>New Management Plans (4 Proposals)</i>			
N/A	173	Require the board to address habitat, conservation, and subsistence priority when considering regulations and policies. <i>No action based on the board's lack of regulatory authority.</i>	Day 4, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 26, 2015- 3:45:52
F (0-4)	174	Establish a Taku River king salmon management plan. <i>Jensen and Morisky recused on ethics conflict determination.</i>	Day 7, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 1, 2015- 0:00:03
N/A	175	Evaluate potential changes to enhanced salmon allocations. <i>The board took no action given proposer sought to withdraw the proposal under RC 41.</i>	Day 7, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 1, 2015- 0:28:03
F (0-6)	176	Establish new enhanced salmon allocations by gear type.	Day 7, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 1, 2015- 0:29:34
<i>SHA/THA Allocation (12 Proposals)</i>			
C (5-1)	177	Close common property commercial salmon fishery in a portion of Mist Cove Special Harvest Area to allow hatchery operations.	Day 7, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 1, 2015- 0:56:39



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N/A	178	Close common property commercial salmon fishery in a portion of Mist Cove Special Harvest Area to allow hatchery operations. <i>The board took no action based on action taken on Proposal 177.</i>	Day 7, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 1, 2015-1:01:17
C (6-0)	179	Close common property commercial salmon fishery in a portion of Kasnyku Bay Special Harvest Area to allow hatchery operations.	Day 7, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 1, 2015-1:01:40
N/A	180	Close common property commercial salmon fishery in a portion of Kasnyku Bay Special Harvest Area to allow hatchery operations. <i>The board took no action based on action taken on Proposal 179.</i>	Day 7, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 1, 2015-1:05:01
C (6-0)	181	Establish a Neck Lake Special Harvest Area.	Day 7, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 1, 2015-1:06:03
N/A	182	Modify fishing ratios and sunset date in the Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area Salmon Management Plan. <i>Jensen recused on ethics conflict determination. The board took no action based on the proposer's request to withdraw the proposal under PC79 and 80.</i>	Day 7, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 1, 2015-1:08:31
C (5-0)	183	Modify commercial salmon fishery purse seine and drift gillnet fishing time ratios in the Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area. <i>Jensen recused on ethics conflict determination. Substituted with language found in RC 125.</i>	Day 7, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 1, 2015-1:09:25
C (4-0)	184	Open Kendrick Bay Terminal Harvest Area to commercial salmon fishing with troll gear. <i>Jensen and Morisky recused on ethics conflict determination.</i>	Day 7, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 1, 2015-1:33:53
N/A	185	Change fishing ratios and sunset date in the Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area Salmon Management Plan. <i>Jensen recused on ethics conflict determination. The board took no action based on the proposer's request to withdraw the proposal under PC79 and 80.</i>	Day 7, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 1, 2015-1:38:58
C/A (5-0)	186	Modify commercial salmon fishery purse seine and drift gillnet fishing time ratios in the Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area. <i>Jensen recused on ethics conflict determination. Substituted with language found in RC 126.</i>	Day 7, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 1, 2015-1:39:44
F (0-4)	187	Allow commercial salmon drift gillnet gear in Southeast Cove Terminal Harvest Area. <i>Jensen and Morisky recused on ethics conflict determination.</i>	Day 7, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 1, 2015-1:44:27
F (0-4)	188	Modify commercial seine and troll fishing schedules in Southeast Cove Terminal Harvest Area. <i>Jensen and Morisky recused on ethics conflict determination.</i>	Day 7, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 1, 2015-1:55:34
Purse Seine (17 Proposals)			
C (6-0)	189	Remove reference to 5 AAC 33.366 Northern Southeast Seine Salmon Fishery Management Plans and clarify language regarding fishing openings.	Day 7, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 1, 2015-2:02:00
C (5-0)	190	Modify accounting of commercial sockeye salmon purse seine harvest limit in Amalga Harbor Special Harvest Area. <i>Jensen recused on ethics conflict determination.</i>	Day 7, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 1, 2015-2:11:00



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Action	Proposal	Description	
N/A	191	Modify accounting of commercial sockeye salmon purse seine harvest limit in Amalga Harbor Special Harvest Area. <i>Jensen recused on ethics conflict determination. The board took no action based on action taken on Proposal 190.</i>	Day 7, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 1, 2015-2:40:04
N/A	192	In Districts 12 and 14 require reporting of commercially caught sockeye salmon that are not sold. <i>The board took no action based on the proposal already required under regulation.</i>	Day 7, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 1, 2015-2:41:10
C (5-0)	193	Restrict and prohibit commercial purse seining in portions of Districts 12 and 14. <i>Jensen recused on ethics conflict determination. Substituted with language found in RC 117.</i>	Day 7, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 1, 2015-2:42:19
F (0-4)	194	Close a portion of Lisianski Inlet to commercial salmon fishing with purse seine gear. <i>Jensen and Morisky recused on ethics conflict determination.</i>	Day 7, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 1, 2015-2:54:21
F (0-4)	195	Close a portion of Lisianski Inlet to commercial salmon fishing with purse seine gear. <i>Jensen and Morisky recused on ethics conflict determination.</i>	Day 7, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 1, 2015-3:10:17
F (0-6)	196	Establish new salmon statistical areas in District 13.	Day 7, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 1, 2015-3:12:31
F (0-6)	197	Establish new salmon statistical areas in Lisianski Inlet.	Day 7, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 1, 2015-3:16:36
C (6-0)	198	Establish closed waters around sockeye salmon streams in the Angoon area.	Day 7, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 1, 2015-3:18:34
N/A	199	Prohibit commercial fishing for salmon with purse seine gear within the possessory boundary of Angoon for five years. <i>Jensen recused on ethics conflict determination. The board took no action based on action taken on Proposal 193.</i>	Day 7, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 1, 2015-3:33:32
N/A	200	Close waters within the Admiralty Monument proclamation boundary to commercial fishing for salmon with purse seine gear. <i>Jensen recused on ethics conflict determination. The board took no action based on action taken on Proposal 193.</i>	Day 7, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 1, 2015-3:34:13
N/A	201	Close certain waters of Chichagof Island and Admiralty Island to commercial salmon fishing with purse seine gear. <i>Jensen recused on ethics conflict determination. The board took no action based on action taken on Proposal 198.</i>	Day 7, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 1, 2015-3:31:46
T (6/0)	202	Clarify measurement standards for the commercial salmon purse seine vessel length limit in the Southeastern Alaska Area. <i>Tabled to Statewide Meeting, March 2015</i>	Day 5, BOF Finfish-Sitka, February 27, 2015- 0:19:20
F (0-5)	203	Establish and define a maximum speed at which a commercial salmon fishery purse seine may be towed. <i>Jensen recused on ethics conflict determination.</i>	Day 7, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 1, 2015-3:35:04
F	204	Prohibit the use of spotter planes during open commercial salmon	Day 7, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 1, 2015-



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(0-5)		fishing periods where purse seine gear is allowed. <i>Jensen recused on ethics conflict determination.</i>	3:37:31
C/A (5-0)	205	Prohibit the use of unmanned aircraft during open commercial salmon fishing periods where purse seine is allowed. <i>Jensen recused on ethics conflict determination. Substituted with language found in RC 127.</i>	Day 7, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 1, 2015-3:40:28
Drift Gillnet (5 Proposals)			
C (6-0)	206	Clarify boundary between sections 15-A and 15-C at Sherman Rock.	Day 8, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 2, 2015-2:58:14
C/A (5-0)	207	Increase commercial drift gillnet salmon fishing opportunity in Section 6-D. <i>Jensen recused on ethics conflict determination. Substituted with language found in RC 138.</i>	Day 8, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 2, 2015-3:00:39
C/A (5-0)	208	Establish a drift gillnet mesh size restriction in District 8 when the directed king salmon fishery is closed. <i>Jensen recused on ethics conflict determination. The board amended the proposal to provide the department emergency order authority to allow maximum gillnet size at 6 inches in District 8 to the 5 AAC 33.331(d).</i>	Day 8, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 2, 2015-3:09:28
N/A	209	Allow drift gillnets with mesh size of four and seven-eighths inches or less to have a depth of up to 120 meshes. <i>Jensen recused on ethics conflict determination. The board took no action based on the proposer's request to withdraw the proposal under RC 129.</i>	Day 8, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 2, 2015-3:34:44
F (0-5)	210	Allow the use of single filament mesh in a commercial salmon drift gillnet in the Southeastern Alaska Area. <i>Jensen recused on ethics conflict determination.</i>	Day 8, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 2, 2015-3:35:36
Set Gillnet (9 Proposals)			
C/A (4-2)	211	Remove the sunset clause from Yakutat Area commercial salmon set gillnet permit stacking regulation. <i>The board amended the proposal to add a "sunset provision" to 5 AAC 30.345 until December 31, 2017.</i>	Day 8, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 2, 2015-3:55:52
F (0-6)	212	Allow the owner of two commercial salmon set gillnet permits to fish both permits throughout the Yakutat Area.	Day 8, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 2, 2015-4:23:03
N/A	213	Allow multiple commercial salmon set gillnet permit holders to jointly harvest and deliver fish. <i>The board took no action based on the proposer's request to withdraw the proposal under RC 103.</i>	Day 8, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 2, 2015-4:30:08
F (0-6)	214	Remove depth restrictions from commercial salmon set gillnet gear.	Day 8, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 2, 2015-4:31:19
C (6-0)	215	Allow commercial salmon set gillnets up to 60 meshes deep after July 1.	Day 8, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 2, 2015-4:36:07
C	216	Clarify gillnet specifications in the East River in September.	Day 8, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 2, 2015-



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F (0-6)	217	Establish an opening date for the Tsiu River commercial salmon fishery.	Day 8, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 2, 2015-4:43:48
C (6-0)	218	Redefine closed waters in the Lost River.	Day 8, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 2, 2015-4:49:45
F (0-6)	219	Establish new salmon statistical areas in Yakutat Bay.	Day 8, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 2, 2015-4:53:59
Troll (14 Proposals)			
F (0-4)	220	Modify the winter boundary line for the commercial salmon troll fishery. <i>Jensen and Morisky recused on ethics conflict determination.</i>	Day 8, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 2, 2015-4:58:55
F (0-4)	221	Expand the winter commercial salmon troll fishery in the Yakutat Area to the territorial sea line. <i>Jensen and Morisky recused on ethics conflict determination.</i>	Day 8, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 2, 2015-5:04:20
C (6-0)	222	Correct regulatory language to clarify a contribution rate of Alaska hatchery-produced salmon for the spring salmon troll fisheries.	Day 8, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 2, 2015-5:07:26
F/A (2-2)	223	Change the king salmon harvest percentage for the initial opening in the summer salmon troll fishery from 70 percent to 60 percent. <i>Jensen and Morisky recused on ethics conflict determination. The board amended the proposal to add a sunset provision through December 31, 2017 and further amended to modify language "above 1.6" to say "1.6 or greater".</i>	Day 8, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 2, 2015-5:11:29
C/A (4-0)	224	Allow the commissioner to open a season during which a trip limit is in effect for king salmon in the commercial summer salmon troll fishery. <i>Jensen and Morisky recused on ethics conflict determination. Substituted with language found in RC 139 and amended to reflect that remaining king salmon will be distributed subject to an established harvest limit per active permit holder.</i>	Day 8, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 2, 2015-5:38:15
C/A (4-0)	225	Change the sunset date in the District 12 and 14 Enhanced Chum Salmon Troll Fishery Management Plan. <i>Jensen and Morisky recused on ethics conflict determination. Substituted with language found in RC 143, further amended to close the fishery to the retention of chum salmon, and upon reconsideration amended the proposal to strike all changes in RC 143 in (b).</i>	Day 9, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 3, 2015-0:01:15 Day 9, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 3, 2015-1:19:12 Day 9, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 3, 2015-2:02:44
N/A	226	Remove sunset clause from District 12 and 14 Enhanced Chum Salmon Troll Fishery Management Plan. <i>Jensen and Morisky recused on ethics conflict determination. The board took no action based on action taken under Proposal 225.</i>	Day 9, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 3, 2015-0:23:34



SUBJECT (# Proposals)			Audio tracking info*
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N/A	227	Remove sunset clause from District 12 and 14 enhanced commercial chum salmon troll fishery and allow fishing 7 days per week. <i>Jensen and Morisky recused on ethics conflict determination. The board took no action based on action taken under Proposal 225.</i>	Day 9, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 3, 2015-0:24:17
F (0-4)	228	Close the commercial troll fishery for coho salmon from August 1–10. <i>Jensen and Morisky recused on ethics conflict determination.</i>	Day 9, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 3, 2015-0:24:51
C (4-0)	229	Allow commercial salmon fishing with troll gear in an area between North Chatham Strait and Homeshore. <i>Jensen and Morisky recused on ethics conflict determination. The board amended the proposal to change coordinates to those provided in RC 71.</i>	Day 9, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 3, 2015-0:32:09
N/A	230	Restrict commercial salmon fishing with troll gear in Section 15-C beginning July 1. <i>Jensen and Morisky recused on ethics conflict determination. The board took no action based on the proposer’s request to withdraw the proposal under RC 70.</i>	Day 9, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 3, 2015-0:50:46
F (0-4)	231	Reduce the area open to commercial salmon fishing with troll gear in Naha Bay during the summer. <i>Jensen and Morisky recused on ethics conflict determination.</i>	Day 9, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 3, 2015-0:51:32
C (6-0)	232	Clarify power troll gear specifications regarding hand troll gurdies and fishing rods.	Day 9, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 3, 2015-0:55:20
F (0-6)	233	Allow downriggers as legal commercial salmon hand troll gear for the entire year.	Day 9, BOF Finfish-Sitka, March 3, 2015-1:00:04

* The audio tracking information correlates with the meeting audio available at the bottom of each meeting page. The entry “bof_worksession_10_15_14” indicates the meeting day. The start time indicates when board discussion on the proposal began according to the meeting audio.

Miscellaneous Business

Following the deliberations, the board conducted its miscellaneous business as follows:

1. Chilkat and Taku Rivers wild king salmon work group

The board discussed evolving concerns regarding king salmon returns to the Chilkat and Taku River systems. In anticipation of further review on the river systems, the board established a Chilkat and Taku Rivers wild king salmon work group. The work group will be led by Member Jensen. It will include a diverse group of agency personnel and stakeholders from subsistence, commercial, sport, and personal use segments. The purpose of the work group is to review current research and data, provide perspective to the department, and exchange information.

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2. Emergency petition email polling

The board discussed a recent court action that made unlawful the board’s long-standing practice of email polling of the board to determine if a meeting is warranted to review an emergency petition. The Department of Law briefed the board on the Board of Game’s recent policy, RC 141, that delegates authority to the commissioner to make a

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determination of whether a meeting was warranted. The board determined to put the subject on the board's miscellaneous business agenda for the board's next meeting in March 17-20, in Anchorage.

3. Pollock state waters meeting

Members Jeffrey and Jensen provided a report on the most recent February 18, Gulf of Alaska state-waters pollock work group. From that effort, the board agreed to revise the call for proposal to seek state-waters pollock proposals to be deliberated on at the March 2016 Statewide finfish meeting.

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4. Letter to Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) for Sitka Sound herring pounds

Member Kluberton discussed his letter (RC 142) to CFEC to express the board's interest in CFEC's favorable consideration of conducting a regulatory process that would permit the ability for herring pound operations in Sitka Sound.

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5. Board Generated Proposal A – Revisions to 5 AAC 33.387

The board accepted Board Generated Proposal A, as captured in RC 128, and approved it with unanimous consent. The proposal changed the reference from a specific hatchery operator (Kake Non-Profit Fisheries Corporation) is a more general reference to "hatchery operator".

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6. Report on Yukon Panel Participation

Member Huntington attended and participated in the December 2014 Yukon River Panel in Anchorage as a Board of Fisheries member.

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Other Board Actions

Prior to lunch on Day 9, the board moved into executive session to receive a legal briefing on current court cases.